

BEFORE THE SOUTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

In the Matter of the Suspension or)	
)	CONSENT ORDER OF
Revocation of the Educator Certificate)	
)	VOLUNTARY SURRENDER
of Michael W. Pryor)	
)	
Certificate 217415)	

SUMMARY OF THE CASE

The South Carolina State Board of Education (State Board) considered this matter on July 12, 2006. On June 23, 2006, the South Carolina Department of Education (Department) sent Michael W. Pryor a notice of his right to a hearing before the State Board concerning the possible revocation of his South Carolina educator certificate 217415 by certified mail, return receipt, restricted delivery, and regular mail. Upon receipt of the notice, Mr. Pryor contacted the Department's Office of General Counsel and agreed to voluntarily surrender his certificate. After considering the information presented, the State Board voted to accept the voluntary surrender of Mr. Pryor's certificate.

Michael
W. Pryor

Initials

Date

FINDINGS OF FACT

Mr. Pryor held an initial South Carolina educator certificate which expired on June 30, 2006. Mr. Pryor previously held an educator certificate in North Carolina, which he voluntarily surrendered on August 15, 2001. The North Carolina Department of Public Instruction accepted the voluntary surrender, in lieu of initiating revocation proceedings, effective October 19, 2001.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

"The South Carolina Board of Education may, for just cause, either revoke or suspend the certificate of any person." S.C. Code Ann. § 59-25-150 (2004); 24 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 43-58 (1991). Just cause includes unprofessional conduct. S.C. Code Ann. § 59-25-160 (2004). The State Board finds that there is sufficient information to support its decision to accept the voluntary surrender of Mr. Pryor's certificate. At the end of three years from the date of this Order, Mr. Pryor may reapply for a South Carolina educator certificate by written request to the Office of Educator Certification of the Department.

South Carolina State Board of Education

/S/Joe Isaac
Joe Isaac, Chair

Columbia, South Carolina
July 12, 2006

I, Michael W. Pryor, S.C. Educator Certificate 217415, do hereby agree to the proposed Consent Order of Voluntary Surrender, consisting of two pages, and understand that this Order will be presented as signed to the State Board of Education on July 12, 2006.

/S/ Michael W. Pryor
Michael W. Pryor

7/1/2006
Date